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Here's DWR's version of what should be the overall purpose statement

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hoffman-Floerke, Dale [mailto:[dalehf@water.ca.gov](mailto:dalehf@water.ca.gov)]  
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Mike, we took a stab at some language that we think gets closer to your needs. Let me know what you think:

"The proposed project is the development and operation of new water conveyance facilities, consistent with the BDCP, that will be part of the State Water Project (SWP). The purpose of which is to help achieve the co-equal goals of providing for the conservation and management of aquatic and terrestrial species, and the reliability of delivery of water supplies conveyed through the SWP and the Central Valley Project (CVP). As set out in the BDCP, the project will include the addition of new points of diversion in the north Delta, new tunnels and pipelines to convey water around the Delta, and modifications to the operations of SWP and the CVP."

Please let me know if this is something that you can work with. Cassandra and Marc Ebbin are both willing to sit down with you and Mike if you think this needs more finessing. Please let me know.

Thanks again for your commitment to help move this massive program along; I really appreciate your efforts, as well as your staff's involvement.

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From: Jewell, Michael S SPK [mailto:Michael.S.Jewell@usace.army.mil]  
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Dale:

Thanks for the call today. I want to reiterate we remain committed to working towards a successful BDCP, including providing assurances along the way to continue to advance the effort and streamline permit decisions we must make. Those assurances include concurring as early as possible on the overall purpose statements for elements of the conservation plan.

The overall purpose statement is necessary under the 404(b)(1) Guidelines to determine practicable alternatives to be evaluated. In the end, we can only approve the alternative that would have the least amount of impact on the environment. The overall purpose statement helps us to limit the spectrum of alternatives by providing some reasonable sideboards (like size or location). As an example, one of the "sideboards" we've already agreed to is that each project must be consistent with the finalized BDCP.

As I understand it, we've been asked to concur with an overall project purpose statement for the conveyance that reads something like "implement conservation measure 1." Unfortunately, that doesn't work for us because it's not a stand-alone statement that tells us much about the actual reason for the conveyance project nor does it

provide any sideboards. It also refers to a yet unapproved measure, the description of which could change over the next few years. If you want agreement in the near future, we are going to need a statement that is based on the need for the project and provides more details and sideboards. Ideally, it should be one to two sentences long.

Mike and I would be happy to get together with Cassandra and Mark in the next few weeks to work together on developing an overall project purpose statement. We believe there is probably enough information out that we can bring together into one statement.

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